Development/maintenance of NHs In Rajasthan

*312.DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated, released and spent for the development and maintenance of National Highways in Rajasthan, year-wise;

(b) the achievement made so far;

(c) whether the State has sent requisite utilization certificate to the Central Government;

(d) whether the investment is not paltry, Rajasthan being largest State of the country;

(e) whether a number of proposal of the Rajasthan Government requesting for Central assistance for strengthening and widening of National Highways/State Highways are pending for clearance;

(0 if so, the details thereof;

(g) the reasons therefor; and

(h) the steps taken/proposed by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The amount allocated/released and 6pent during the last three years and current year for the development and maintenance of National Highways entrusted to the Government of Rajasthan are as under:

(Amount in Rs. crore)

Year	Development		Maintenance	
	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
2003-04	48.00	46.44	27.93	25.81
2004-05	64.72	46.45	53.11	42.74
2005-06	88.36	84.60	54.99	48.82
2006-07	80.37	26.25 (up to 07/06)	52.58	5.76 (up to 07/06)
TOTAL:	281.45	203.74	188.61	123.13

NHAI does not make any State-wise allocation of funds. The year-wise expenditure including expenditure incurred by the concessionaires

in respect of BOT (Build-Operate-Transfer) projects on National Highways with NHAI in Rajasthan is as follows:

Year	Expenditure	
	Development	Maintenance
2003-04	1089.57	25.59
2004-05	522.27	28.77
2005-06	310.55	46.43
2006-07	259.52	9.33
	(up to 07/06)	(up to 07/06)
TOTAL:	2181.91	110.12

(b) During the last five year 174 development works amounting to Rs. 435.00 crore covering 2090 km. of length have been sanctioned in respect of National Highways with the State PWD, out of which 151 works covering 1793 km. length have been completed and 23 works covering 297 km length are at various stages of implementation. Apart from this under NHDP (National Highway Development Project), NHAI has completed 4/6 laning in 742 km length of NHs and construction works in 742 km length have been taken up.

(c) No, Sir. During the last three years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 against total allocation of Rs. 337.11 crore for development and maintenance works in respect of National Highways with the State PWD, Rs. 294.86 crore have been spent.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) to (h) For the development works (i.e. strengthening, widening etc) in respect of National Highways with the State PWD, Rajasthan as per the Annual Plan 2006-07, 12 estimates for Rs. 51.07 crore have been received. Out of this one estimate for Rs. 1.41 crore has been sanctioned, 8 estimates for Rs. 41.01 crore are under examination and 3 estimates for Rs. 8.62 crore have been returned for modification.

For development works (i.e. strengthening, widening etc) in respect of State Highways, 2 proposals for Rs. 3.61 crore have been received for in principle approval under the Inter-State Connectivity Scheme for 2006-07. Proposals received from Government of Rajasthan for in

principle approval are being examined along with the proposals of other States and the same will be considered depending upon inter-se-priority and also availability of funds.

India's bid For 2014 Asian Games

*313. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has made a bid to host 2014 Asian Games in the Country;

(b) if so, whether Government have decided upon the city or place which would host the games if the bid is selected;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of any other preparation underway to make the Indian hosting of 2014 Asian Games a success?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have accorded approval to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to bid for holding the Asian Games in 2014 at Delhi.

(d) The details would be worked out in the event of India's bid being successful.

India's position in IT at world level

*314. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has out-stripped China and Russia in IT race as per Global Information Technology Report;

(b) if so, the details thereof and India's place in the IT sector as per this report; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for improving India's Place in IT sector at international level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY